

No. 1984-31

AN ACT

HB 1209

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for parking for handicapped persons; further providing for the use of hearing impairment devices; providing for inspection of motorcycles; and adding provisions relating to motorcycle safety.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Sections 3314 and 3354(d)(1) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 3314. Prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices.

(a) General rule.—No driver shall operate a vehicle while wearing or using one or more headphones, earphones or any similar device which the department by regulation determines would impair the ability of the driver to hear traffic sounds.

(b) Exception.—This section does not prohibit the use of hearing aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the driver *nor does it prohibit the use of communication equipment by motorcycle operators complying with section 3525 (relating to protective equipment for motorcycle riders)*.

§ 3354. Additional parking regulations.

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(d) Handicapped persons and disabled veterans.—

(1) When a motor vehicle bearing registration plates *or displaying a placard* issued to handicapped persons or disabled veterans as prescribed in this title is being operated by or for the transportation of the handicapped person or disabled veteran, the driver shall be relieved of any liability for parking for a period of 60 minutes in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities except where local ordinances or police regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning, afternoon or evening hours.

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Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section and a chapter to read:
§ 4708. *Inspection of motorcycles.*

An annual system of inspections in accordance with section 4702 (relating to requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles) shall be established for motorcycles according to the following schedule:

(1) *Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of January and July shall be inspected in the months of May, June or July.*

(2) *Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of February and August shall be inspected in the months of June, July or August.*

(3) *Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of March and September shall be inspected in the months of July, August or September.*

(4) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of April and October shall be inspected in the months of August, September or October.

(5) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of May and November shall be inspected in the months of March, April or May.

(6) Motorcycles whose registrations expire in the months of June and December shall be inspected in the months of April, May or June.

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SUBCHAPTER A GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§ 7901. Short title of chapter.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Motorcycle Safety Law.

§ 7902. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Approved motorcycle safety course.” A course of motorcycle safety education approved by the department and offered by public schools or other organizations which meet instructional, course and teacher certification requirements of this Commonwealth.

“Motorcycle Safety Education Account.” A restricted receipts account established from fees assessed by this chapter.

§ 7903. Waiver of examination.

Applicants who have successfully completed an approved motorcycle safety course shall be deemed to have met the requirements of the motorcycle operator’s license examination administered by the department and the examination shall be waived.

§ 7904. Fees.

Fees relating to motorcycle licenses for motorcycle operators to be collected by the department under this chapter shall be in addition to any other fees imposed under the provisions of this title and are as follows:

- (1) An additional fee of \$2 shall be assessed and collected for each original motorcycle operator’s license.

(2) An additional fee of \$2 shall be assessed and collected for each annual renewal of a motorcycle operator's license.

(3) An additional fee of \$2 shall be assessed and collected for each motorcycle learner's permit.

(4) An additional fee of \$2 shall be assessed and collected for each replacement motorcycle operator's license.

§ 7905. Restricted receipts account.

The department shall deposit all moneys received from the additional fees collected under this chapter in a restricted receipts fund, which shall be known as the Motorcycle Safety Education Account, and such moneys shall be applied to the costs incurred in administering and conducting motorcycle safety education programs.

SUBCHAPTER B
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION

Sec.

7911. Motorcycle safety education program.

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The department shall establish a motorcycle safety education program throughout this Commonwealth. It shall approve and conduct an annual review of course material for authorized schools. It shall certify all instructors and shall include a uniform curriculum for the course of instruction and training requirements for instructors. The department shall be responsible for certifying schools to conduct approved motorcycle safety courses and shall adopt such necessary rules and regulations to govern the administration of motorcycle education within this Commonwealth.

Section 3. (a) The provisions of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3314 (relating to prohibiting use of hearing impairment devices) and 75 Pa.C.S. § 3354(d) (relating to additional parking regulations) shall take effect immediately.

(b) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 90 days.

APPROVED—The 29th day of March, A. D. 1984.

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